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No. RW/NH-33044/02/2023-S&R (Comp No 218375)

Government of India

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways

Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

130.1.8

Dated: 30th September, 2026**CIRCULAR****To,**

1. The Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments/ UTs.
2. The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of all States/ UTs Public Works Department/ Road Construction Department/ Highways Department (dealing with National Highways and other centrally sponsored schemes).
3. The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, G-5 & 6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075.
4. The Managing Director, NHIDCL, 1st & 2nd floor, Tower-A, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029.
5. The Director General (Border Roads), Seema Sadak Bhawan, Ring Road, New Delhi-110010.
6. All Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of Public Works Department of States/ UTs/ Road Construction Department/ Highways Departments (dealing with National Highways and other centrally sponsored schemes).
7. The Secretary General, Indian Roads Congress.
8. The Director, IAHE, Noida, UP.
9. All CE-ROs, ROs and ELOs of the Ministry.

Sub: "Rating of Authority Engineers/ Independent Engineers Consultancy firms on National Highways Projects" – Amendment regarding Catastrophic Failures – Reg.

Reference: (i) Circular No. RW/NH-33044/29/2021-S&R(P&B) Part (Comp No. 248404) dated 29.09.2025 (Code 130.1.1).

(ii) Circular No. RW/NH-33044/29/2021-S&R(P&B) Part (Comp No. 248404) dated 03.02.2026 (Code 130.1.4).

Madam/Sir,

Please refer to the circular cited under reference (i), vide which the methodology and evaluation criteria for assessment of rating of Authority Engineer/ Independent Engineer consultancy firms have been issued. Under the rating of Contractors/ Concessionaires issued vide reference (ii), minus thirty (-30) marks have been provided for each Catastrophic Failure, and such failures have been defined vide reference (iii). No corresponding provision presently exists in the rating of AE/IE firms, although the AE/IE, being the representative of the Authority on site, is responsible for review of designs, supervision, quality control and safety.

2. In view of above the following amendments to Annexure-I of the circular under reference (i) have been made:-

2.1 The following typographical error may be corrected under Marking Scheme of S.No 12 of Minor Penalty of Annexure-I

As mentioned in Circular	May be Read as
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Minor Penalty		Minor Penalty	
No Minor Penalty	0	No Minor Penalty	0
1-2 Minor Penalty	-0.5	1-2 Minor Penalty	-0.5
2-3 Minor Penalty	-1	2-3 Minor Penalty	-1
4-5 Major Penalty	-1.5	4-5 Minor Penalty	-1.5
>=6 Major Penalty	-2.5	>=6 Minor Penalty	-2.5

2.2 The following may be inserted after S. No 12 of Annexure-I

S No.	Parameter	Source of Information	Criteria	Total Marking Weightage	Marking Scheme
13.	Penal Action on Consultant on account of catastrophic failure	Order of the Ministry/ Division Record regarding catastrophic failure	Catastrophic Failure on the project declared by the Competent Authority in the Ministry under circular No. RW/NH-33044/05/2026-S&R(P&B) dated 02.03.2026, wherein the consultancy firm has been identified in the declaration order as the AE/IE to whom the failure is attributable.	-20	Minus twenty (-20) marks for each such Catastrophic Failure
Note:- (i) The deduction shall be applied to the individual project score of the project on which the Catastrophic Failure has occurred, before application of the normalisation factors under para 3. (ii) The individual project score after such deduction shall be taken as arrived at, including a negative value, for computing the overall Rating Score. (iii) The same deduction shall apply to all JV Partners and Associates in terms of para 4(v).					

3. All concerned executing agencies are hereby directed that the evaluation and rating of AE/IE consultancy firms shall henceforth be carried out in accordance with the above revised criteria, with effect from the rating iteration commencing after the date of issue of this circular. NHAI, being the nodal agency, shall incorporate the same in the rating exercise and the Data Lake.

4. All other provisions of the circular under reference (i) shall remain unchanged.

5. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,
Digitally signed by
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Date: 30-09-2026

13/09/2027

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